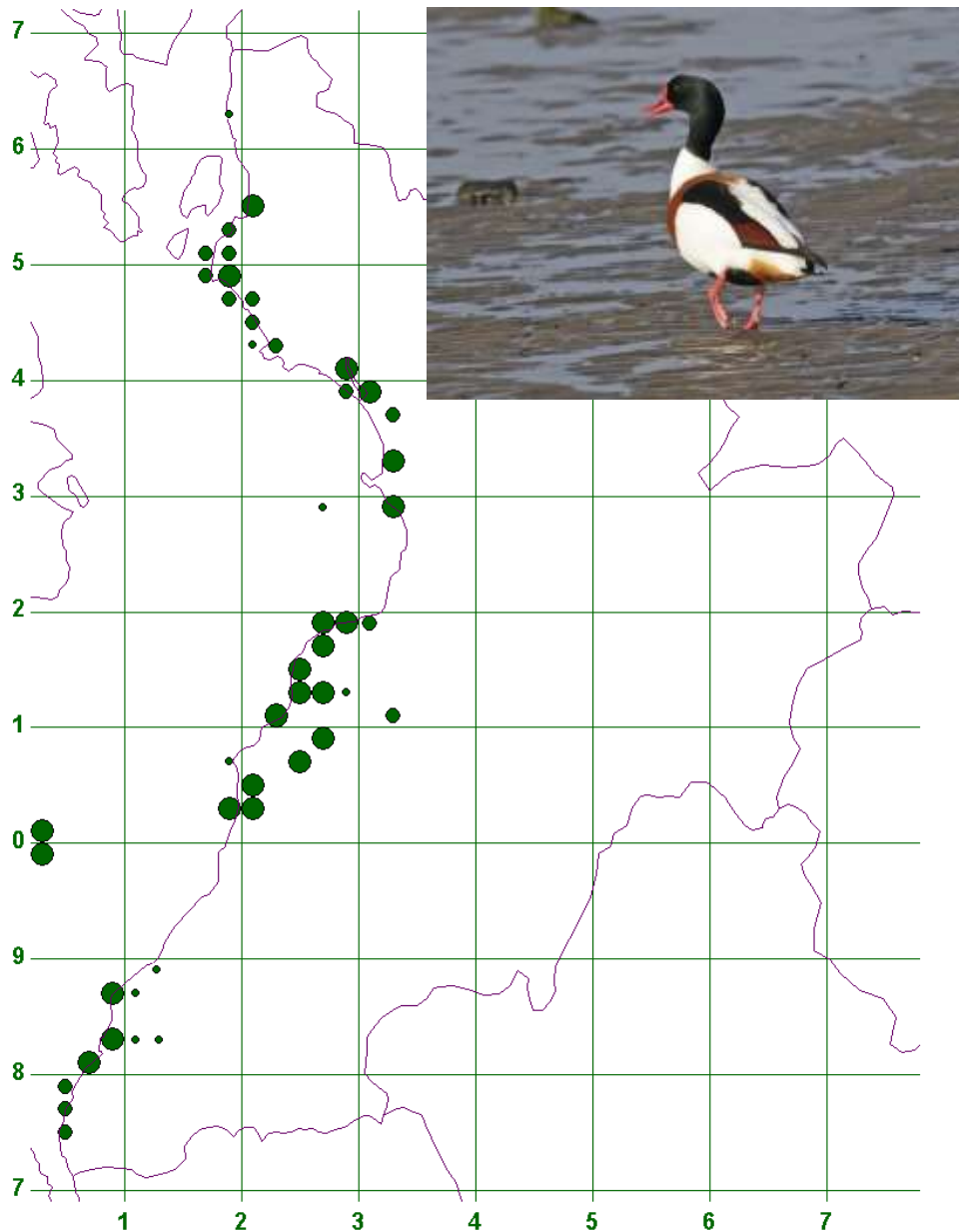


## Shelduck (*Tadorna tadorna*)



**Status:** Uncommon breeder.

**Current trend:** Continued poor breeding results from Ayrshire Shelducks during recent years have seen it decline in numbers. Serious reductions have occurred at locations such as Bogside – it may be that the site is now too prone to human disturbance, like many other coastal areas where the bird formerly bred. Additional problems at some sites may be mammal predation, with an increased risk from Mink, Otter and Brown Rat. Occasionally a pair will breed inland, this having been noted at Blairbowie and, more recently, Broadshean.

**Follow up:** It would be important to continue monitoring breeding success.